THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Akhil Bhartiya Shiv Sena Rashtravadi, Punjab had demanded the cancellation of bus and train services between India and Pakistan.

(c) Instances of misuse of Samjhauta Express by smugglers and other anti-national elements for clandestine induction of contraband, fake Indian currency notes, drugs, weapons etc. into India have come to notice.

(d) It has been decided by the Government to take additional measures to curb smuggling of contrabands through this train. These measures include 100% manual checking of baggage, enforcing baggage restriction, augmenting the security set-up, sanitising of platforms and dispensing with the services of coolies and strengthening of vigilance mechanisms to prevent corruption amongst the staff deployed at Attari Railway Station. As part of an over-all plan, it is also proposed that Bureau of Immigration will take over the Immigration and Registration functions at Attari Railway Station. This will help in checking the activities of anti-national elements from across the border as the personnel of Bureau of Immigration are better trained and equipped for such function.

Influx of Chinese weapons

3440. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the influx of Chinese weapons into the country;

(b) if so, whether the smuggling of Chinese weapons in the country particularly in the border States has created tension in the region;

(c) whether the Central Government in consultation with the State Government propose to chalk out plans to check such illegal influx of weapons in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. No such influx has come to Government's notice.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Naxalism in States

3441. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had convened a meeting of Chief Ministers of those States which are affected by Naxalites threats in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of strategy discussed in the meeting and outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government have totally failed to crush the activities of Naxals in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the total number of persons killed by naxalites in the country during the year 1999-2000, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SH. CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the meeting, it was felt that while the Centre would continue to extend all possible assistance to the States in intelligence sharing, Security Related Expenditure, training needs of police personnel etc., the States concerned must continue their efforts towards focussed inter-State coordination, ground level intelligence gathering, in depth analysis of problem areas, and considerable thrust on all areas of responsive administration including placement of very dedicated and sincere administrative hands in trouble prone areas, socio-economic measures to cater to the needs of the poorer segments and redressal of people's grievances. It was also agreed that police forces of affected States should undertake joint operations.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. In the circumstances, the concerned State Governments have to devise various measures and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the overall dimensions/which left wing extremism has assumed in some States, it has become a matter of concern for the Central Government as well. It has, therefore, set up a high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, to review and coordinate steps taken by these States to check the left wing extremist activities, monitor the plan of